IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ernest A. Voisin

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For: "A Process of Elimination of   Date: March 30, 2000
            Bacteria in Shellfish, of Shucking"

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To the Honorable Commissioner
Of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
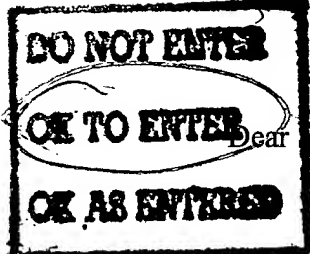
AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 CFR 1.312(b)

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is presented after payment of the issue fee. The Amendment is accompanied by Petition and Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i). In his Response to the Office Action of July 21, 1999, filed on October 21, 1999, the applicant amended Claim 7 to place Claim 7 in condition for allowance. Due to an inadvertent error, Claim 7 was amended to read, inter alia in line 2, **"liquid-permeable bags**... " Original Claim 7 of the application, as filed read, in the relevant portion, "liquid-**im**permeable bags..."

Having discovered the inadvertent error, the applicant now petitions for amendment of Claim 7. No new matter is introduced, and the now-presented amendment merely seeks to correct the typographical error present in the Response. In effect, the amendment concerns a formal change in a claim without changing the scope thereof. Entry of the below presented amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend Claim 7 to read as follows:

Claim 7 (twice amended) The process of Claim 6, wherein said oysters are enclosed in liquid-[permeable] impermeable bags filled with pressurizable liquid prior to exposing said oysters to hydrostatic pressure.

Respectfully submitted,

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